Government does not propose to set up IIT research parks in the country. However, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras has submitted a proposal to set up a research park adjacent to its campus.

Schools covered by EDUSAT

3805. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government and private aided primary schools included under EDUSAT Project under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) Programme, district-wise in the State of Karnataka;

(b) whether Government are planning to extend this project to all the districts;

(c) if so, the time-frame stipulated for this project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka is covering 1798 Government primary schools under EDUSAT, of which 871 are in Chamrajnagar district, 14 in Mysore district and 913 in Gulbarga district. "Innovation funds" under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) available in the districts have been utilized for software development and hardware for 28 Government primary schools in Gulbarga district.

SSA provides innovations funds to all districts every year.

Faculty strength of IGNOU

3806. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the faculty strength of IGNOU;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the publications of the IGNOU are outsourced despite the presence of sizeable faculty;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and